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Intelligence Community Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for National  
Intelligence

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SUBJECT: KIQs and Perspectives for Intelligence

1. The Office of Policy and Planning is now developing a comprehensive program aimed at achieving increased coherence and logic in our national intelligence requirements and priorities system. Existing guidance documents will be reviewed and improved where necessary while we concurrently explore the need for new guidance documents. A principal objective of our review will be to ensure that all planning guidance documents are prepared in time to support the programming and budgeting cycle. As we get on with planning systems development for the future, the need for a "quick fix" for the FY 77 budget year and the FY 79-83 program period now seems clear.

2. The KIQs and the Perspectives for Intelligence are particular guidance documents which require immediate action. The IC Staff will be disseminating resource and program guidance in December, and these documents will play an important role in the development of such guidance. The NIOs represent the best talent available to draft KIQs for FY 77, as well as Part I of the Perspectives for the FY 79-83 programming period. For these reasons, I request that this project be undertaken on a priority basis. Some consideration should be given to increasing the specificity of the KIQs, and any ideas you may have on this subject are welcome. The remaining portions of the Perspectives will be drafted by OPP.

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3. In order to ensure that the KIQs and Perspectives are available for Community use at the most opportune time, I believe they should be completed by mid-September 1976 so that the IC Staff can obtain NFIB approval by early October.

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